

Strike in government offices today

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

LAST MINUTE attempts to prevent a civil servants' strike failed last night.

Consequently, radio and educational television will be off the air from 8 to 12 this morning, although the news will be broadcast. Radio and television technicians, in line with over 20,000 employees in the Post Office and other Ministry of Communications sections and the Departments of Income Tax, Property Tax, the Customs and National Insurance, will hold meetings during this four-hour break to protest against a planned cut in their wages.

The strike follows Friday's decision of the Ministerial Committee on Wages, to implement the Barak Committee recommendations to abolish their "specific allowances" of 3.4 to 15.5%. (Details on page two)

The protest leaders last night rejected a plea by the Secretary of the Civil Servants Union, Haim Bernstein, to cancel today's strike. They did not heed his warning that the Government will be permitted to deduct pay for the four hours they will be absent.

Bernstein had asked them to wait until after his union studies the report today, together with them.

Arnon Ronen, a leader of the 40,000 Government employees who have not received the allowance, said last night that economists in the Treasury's Budget Department were trying to convince friends in other ministries to accept the Barak report and drop their demands to be paid what the others had received.

Meanwhile management and workers in the production sector have come out against the civil servants' wage demands.

Avraham Shavit, President of the Manufacturers Association, said in Ashdod on Friday that the Government will not be able to function unless the Barak Committee recommendations are fully implemented.

Trade Unionists representing production workers, also opposed the civil servants' demands at a debate in the Histadrut last week.

Cool today after storms

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HEAVY STORMS lashed various parts of the country during the weekend, accompanied by winds which reached 90 kph in the north, and at some places along the coast. The forecast for today is lower temperatures, with intermittent rain.

Heavy rain in the south on Friday caused flooding of many streambeds, leaving cars and trucks stranded in places, especially along the Arava roads where water rose to a depth of up to two metres. At one wadi in the Arava, an Air Force helicopter was called to rescue a truck driver whose vehicle was overturned by the torrent. It rained on Mt. Hermon, too, forcing skiing plans to be called off.

By yesterday, all the roads were passable again.

K insists: U.S. has no plans to arm Egypt

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said on Friday following a lengthy meeting with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon that the Ford Administration has "no plans to sell Egypt anything beyond" six C-130 military transport planes.

At an informal news conference, the Secretary said that the Administration will ask Congress to approve only the six planes, valued at \$39m. "The decision with respect to the C-130s will imply no precedent as far as the Congress is concerned for any other sales," he said.

Kissinger's comments followed an uproar in the Congress and the American Jewish community over what Administration officials had earlier described as the start of a U.S.-Egyptian military supply relationship.

French engines for Egypt's Migs

PARIS. — France is about to sell Egypt 120 Alpha jet aircraft and Atar engines for Soviet-built Mig planes, official sources said yesterday.

The decision follows a visit here by the commander of the Egyptian Air Force, Air Vice-Marshal Mohammed Shaker Abdel-Moneim.

The Egyptians, who have already bought French Mirage combat aircraft, are also keen on having an Alpha jet assembly plant built in Egypt. They would also like to purchase sophisticated Mirage F-1 jets equipped with Atar engines, and Mirage IIIs.

Allon: No compromise on arms

THERE WAS NO compromise made between Israel and the U.S. on the issue of aircraft supply to Egypt, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday on returning from his trip to Latin America and the U.S.

Israel had insisted that it opposes the American move to sell the six transport planes to Egypt, but the U.S. insisted on doing so, saying it created no precedent for future arms sales, Allon said.

He explained that now that Israel has submitted its interpretation of the term "end to belligerency" to

Congressional sources reiterated yesterday that despite Kissinger's assurances to the press and privately to Allon, the very fact that the Administration is insisting on making the deal a foreign military sale, and not a straight commercial sale, indicates that other arms supplies will follow. As a result, Israeli supporters on Capitol Hill said yesterday that resolutions of disapproval will be introduced in the Senate and the House once the Administration's official notification of the sales has been submitted. (Udall and Carter — page 2).

Although Foreign Minister Allon and Israeli officials are said to have come away from the Kissinger meeting convinced that the Administration had gone back on earlier plans to decide only to sell Egypt the six planes, Israeli friends in Congress remain sceptical.

Earlier last week, the Administration was offered a compromise plan by three leading pro-Israel Senators that would have permitted the C-130 deal, but would have blocked other sales during the next few months. The compromise plan, offered privately by Senators Clifford Case, Hubert Humphrey and Jacob Javits, called upon the Administration to come to the Congress with the commercial route, rather than the military deal.

But on Friday, when Kissinger was asked whether the Administration had agreed upon the commercial route, he replied: "No, but we will almost certainly continue to go the FMS (Foreign Military Sales) route because it is the most feasible one."

Kissinger met with Allon for a working luncheon at the State Department to discuss the Israel Government's proposal that negotiations begin with Egypt, Syria

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Kissinger blames Atherton for 'feeding' Sheehan

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has "severely reprimanded" Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton for leaking top secret documents to Harvard researcher Edward Sheehan, although Kissinger had specifically instructed Atherton and other State Department officials to be helpful to the author.

Department officials, who also

gave a lesser reprimand to Assistant Secretary Harold Saunders for passing to Sheehan secret documents about Kissinger's Middle East diplomacy, said that the officials had made an "error in judgement" in providing the material, which was published last week in "Foreign Policy" with lengthy extracts appearing in The Jerusalem Post.

Joseph Sisco, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, is also named as having given Sheehan information, but was not reprimanded because it was said he did not break any security rules.

Ford's campaign chief quits 'temporarily'

GREENSBORO, North Carolina. — President Ford's campaign manager, Howard Callaway, left the job "temporarily" yesterday because of allegations he tried to use government influence in the development of a Colorado ski resort which he owned.

Ford expressed full confidence in Callaway, who said he had asked the President to relieve him of his duties.

Egypt bans travel to Libya

CAIRO. — Egypt yesterday banned all travel to Libya except by people with close relatives there.

The order, published in the Cairo press, came as ties between the two neighbours hit a new low, with reports of the arrests here of alleged Libyan subversives and of Libya expelling 3,000 Egyptians. (Reuters) (Cairo release, page 4)

Kentucky mine shut after 26 killed

OVEN FORD, Kentucky. — A south-east Kentucky coal mine where 26 men have died in the past week will be closed indefinitely, it was announced yesterday. The bodies of 11 men killed in an explosion Thursday night will remain in the mine for an indefinite period. The bodies of 15 men killed in an explosion on Tuesday were recovered. (AP)

Lebanese army in disarray; Syria keeps silent

FRANJIEH DEFIES JUNTA

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Lebanon was in a state of total political chaos last night. President Suleiman Franjeh and the leader of Thursday's military coup, Brig-Gen. Aziz Ahdab, each claimed to be in control. They spoke on separate radio stations and different TV channels.

Franjeh's mouthpieces claimed that army officers were now rallying to him in defiance of Gen. Ahdab's junta, indicating that the process of disintegration in the army was being intensified.

Brig. Ahdab's spokesmen, however, said that the Lebanese parliament had passed a resolution affirm-

ing the removal of "former" President Franjeh. They said this indicated the support of the political establishment for the "united armed forces."

There was scattered gunfire yesterday in various parts of Lebanon, including Beirut and Tripoli, but there were no reports of major incidents. Private militias, which reappeared in several strategic locations, seemed last night to be waiting to see how the conflict between the establishment and the military junta developed. There was a new spate of kidnappings, however, carried out by the rival militias.

The Lebanese parliament was in session all day yesterday, and continued through the night, although one-third of the 99 deputies were not present. The indications were that most deputies tended to favour Franjeh's resignation, but at the same time opposed his being ousted by the military.

The Speaker, Kamel al-Assad, and other political leaders were reported to be mobilizing two-thirds of the deputies to support a "constitutional resolution" calling on Franjeh to resign.

According to late evening reports from Beirut, over 50 deputies have so far approved the move. Sixteen more votes were needed to give the resolution a constitutional character.

Until mid-afternoon yesterday, Gen. Ahdab's forces, they called themselves a "corrective movement" — appeared to have gained the upper hand. Although Ahdab is a Moslem, most of the predominantly Christian army command seemed to be supporting him in his declared intention of ending the country's year-long Christian-Moslem strife and restoring stability to the country. The most significant support came from the army's Christian commander, General Hanna Sa'ed, who spoke over Ahdab's radio and called for unity in the armed forces.

Later yesterday evening, how-

ever, a Christian officer, Col. Antoine Barakat, was reported to have mutinied against the command and to have called soldiers to join his garrison near the presidential palace in Ba'abda, east of Beirut, in support of Franjeh "and constitutional legitimacy."

Claims by the pro-Ahdab radio that Col. Barakat had later proclaimed his allegiance to the junta were denied by the pro-Franjeh radio.

Col. Barakat's defiance of his commanders came after the desertion of several hundred Moslem soldiers who joined Col. Ahmed Khatib's two-months-old dissident "Lebanese Arab Army," which claims to be fighting for "parity" between Moslems and Christians in the armed forces as well as for radical political reforms. Khatib said yesterday that he supported Ahdab's demand for Franjeh's resignation, but warned that he had no intention of returning to the country's armed forces until his demands were met.

Unconfirmed reports last night said that Gen. Ahdab was considering forming a military government to cope with the army defectors as well as the security situation before a new civilian administration is established.

Such a move is thought likely to spark off opposition by the Lebanese leftists as well as their allies in the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has often expressed fears an army rule was bound to thwart the PLO's "autonomous presence" in Lebanon, particularly in the refugee camps.

The PLO has greeted Brig. Ahdab's actions with a terse statement: "We will throw all our weight alongside the democratic and nationalist forces which are sincere to Lebanon and to the Palestinian revolution."

The pro-PLO leftist leader, Kamal Juhbat, expressed support over the weekend for the call for President Franjeh's overthrow, but at the same time he warned that he would resist a takeover by the military.

Syria maintained an official silence over developments in Beirut. The Syrians gave prominent news coverage to the military coup, but issued no official comments, probably indicating that they will not oppose it. This follows Syria's eight-week attempt to rally the rival political factions in Lebanon behind a pro-Syrian "national unity" administration.

Cairo yesterday blamed Syria for the new crisis, which followed the meddling in Lebanon's affairs. The influential Egyptian newspaper, "Al-Gomhourya," warned that present developments in Lebanon might serve as pretext for partitioning the country.



WORRIED President Suleiman Franjeh photographed in the presidential palace on Friday. (AP radiophoto)



COUP LEADER Brigadier-General Aziz Ahdab on Thursday night, when he announced his seizure of power. (AP radiophoto)

Ahdab denies political ambitions

BEIRUT. — The officer leading a bold army bid to solve Lebanon's new crisis denies that he has any political ambitions and insists he is only a military man.

Nine rows of medal ribbons on the immaculate tunic of General Aziz Ahdab tend to bear out his oft-repeated assertion that the army, not politics, has been his life's pre-occupation.

Yet Ahdab, who startled the country Thursday night by appearing on television to demand a new president and government, has several useful credentials for a figure who says his aim is to restore unity to a deeply-divided nation.

He is a Moslem who has risen to the top echelons of an army command which is constantly accused by the mainly Moslem left of leaning towards the Christian right. Thus he has a foot in both camps — and the added advantage, in a country where many people are deeply cynical about their politicians, of not being identified with any political grouping.

He maintains that his action was simply a rescue mission, aimed at ending a seemingly intractable crisis involving an epidemic of army mutinies and the steady crumbling of a seven-week-old cease-fire.

While he now calls himself the "temporary military governor" of Lebanon, he says he will bow gracefully from the stage as soon as the mission is completed. Inevitably speculation has arisen that as a Moslem of the Sunni sect, he is eligible to become prime minister — a post at present reserved for Sunnis.

The stocky, bespectacled general was born 55 years ago. He graduated from military academy in 1939 and led a varied career during which he travelled widely, picking up academic qualifications in England and France and obtaining journalist diploma in Egypt, and a reputation as a crack shot.

He served as military attaché in Iraq and India. His office wall bears a framed certificate from Fort Gordon, Georgia, listing him as an honorary member of the military police corps.

He has written a number of books, several dealing with the Arab-Israeli conflict.

His current post is military commander for the Beirut area, and, if he is to be taken at his word, he would like to return to being just that as soon as possible. (Reuters)

IDF move 'only if Israel is threatened'

By DAVID LANDAU

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THE SITUATION in Lebanon will be a focus of concern at the weekly Cabinet meeting today. Premier Rabin and Defence Minister Pines, and their experts will present information and assessments.

Over the weekend, Jerusalem was careful not to issue public statements that might be used — or misused — by any of the warring sides in Lebanon. Officials said only that the Defence Forces were keeping a watchful eye open, and that action would be considered only if Israel's security interests were directly jeopardized.

Some analysts believed the military coup had been effected with Syria's blessing, or at least its cognizance. They noted that the Syrian envoys sent to Lebanon last week to strengthen the settlement arrangement had left shortly before Brig. Ahdab went on television to announce his takeover.

Syria had apparently reckoned, according to these analysts, that the burgeoning mutiny of Moslem army units posed a greater threat to the

Syrian-ordained settlement arrangement in Lebanon than a takeover by the popular Moslem strongman Brig. Ahdab.

The Cabinet is also expected to discuss the end-of-war initiative at today's session. Foreign Minister Allon will report on his talks in Washington on Friday with Secretary Kissinger.

The Attorney-General's report on the precise legal meaning of end-of-war was submitted to Premier Rabin at the week's end. As first revealed in The Jerusalem Post last Monday, Attorney-General Barak basically agrees with his predecessor, (now Justice) Meir Shamgar, that an end-of-war pact ushers in, legally speaking, a state of peace.

There is no intermediate stage. The report has not yet been circulated among Cabinet Ministers, and thus the discussion of it may be carried over to next week's session. Presumably the discussion will not be entirely confined to the legal aspects of the problem. The U.S. Government, it is understood, is anxious to receive some concrete indications of how much Israel would cede for an end-of-war pact on each front.

Mixed reply to threat in North

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI

METULLA. — Several hundred travellers in the north yesterday stopped in at Metulla and other settlements along the border to express their support in the face of heightened tension here after the coup in Lebanon. However, two of the town's hotels were closed last night, with many reservations cancelled specifically because of fears of increased terrorist activity.

Another hotel was largely populated by foreign journalists watching border developments.

In a TV interview broadcast on Friday night, the head of the local council, Assaf Frenkel, demanded that the government take clear steps to protect the northern settlements. If not, he threatened, local settlers would "take the law into their own hands."

His address:

In Kiryat Shmona on Thursday night, Yossi Sarid, MK, said the Israel Defence Forces should enter southern Lebanon to enable Christians, especially women and children, to cross the border into Israel if they wished. He said a people was being wiped out before the eyes of Israel's northern settlers, only a few kilometres away.

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Jerusalem Post Staff
BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The President of the Commission of the European Communities, Frans-Xavier Ortoli, arrived here with his wife and senior EC officials for four days of talks. As Ortoli, the communities' senior civil servant, holds the protocol rank of a head of government, he was met at the airport by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.
Rabin told the visitor that he hoped he would be able to meet "the ordinary Israeli" as well as officials. Ortoli, noting that he had visited Israel less than a year after the signing of the agreement between the Common Market and Israel, said he would use it to go to know the country better. (The European Economic Community is one of the three European Communities.)

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and Jordan to end the state of war.
"We have discussed with Israel some of its ideas. We are now exploring them and the general context with some Arab leaders, and when that exploration is completed we can then decide on which avenue to proceed. We are serious about proceeding towards peace. It is our impression that Israel is serious in proceeding towards peace. So we now have to see what the context will be that will develop." He went out of his way to make the point that "we don't have any urgent problems that need an immediate solution."
Kissinger said that the talks were "very warm and good."
Allon also raised other bilateral issues of concern to Israel, specifically the Administration's holding up of arms deliveries — ostensibly because of Pentagon technical problems — and the Administration's refusal to support additional foreign aid funding during this year's transitional quarter, running from July 1 to September 30.
On both issues, Allon was said to have been assured by Kissinger that he would try to be helpful, but the Secretary avoided making specific commitments.
Allon was in Washington only for one day following his Central America tour. He then flew home, stopping off in London to see Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

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Democratic 'hopefuls' oppose arms for Egypt

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Democratic Presidential candidates Morris Udall and Jimmy Carter have joined Senator Henry Jackson in opposing the Ford Administration's plan to supply Egypt with arms.
Udall, in a statement issued last Thursday, said that the proposed sale of six C-130 military transport planes to Egypt was a bad idea and warned of the dangers to Israel and the Middle East arms balance if the U.S. should become a major supplier of arms to Egypt.
Carter followed suit on Friday with a statement opposing the Administration's plans to lift the arms embargo against Egypt at this time. He suggested that such a decision should await further Egyptian evidence that it is prepared to live in peace with Israel.
Jackson and Republican Senator Clifford Case, another pro-Israel legislator, are said to be intending to put forward a resolution against the arms deal as soon as the Administration formally submits to the

Congress its letter of offer.
This sensitive subject has become a cleavage campaign issue, despite reported assurances from Ford's political advisers that the selling of six planes to Egypt at this time would not meet overly negative reaction in the Congress and from the candidates.
But Ford appears to have miscalculated the impact of this issue, and was said to have been advised by Republican fund-raiser Max Fisher last week that American Jews would bolt the Republican Party in November if the arms deal went through and additional weapons were sold to Egypt.
Syndicated columnist Rowland Evans and Robert Novak reported yesterday in the "Washington Post" that both Carter and Udall were courting the "Jewish vote" in an effort to weaken Jackson's support. As usual, the anti-Israel lobby charged that the pro-Israel lobby was responsible for pressuring Udall and Carter into making pro-Israel statements.

Former Air Force deputy head will become No. 2 at El Al

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — Tati-Aluf (Res.) Yehozkel Someh, former deputy commander of the Israel Air Force, will become second in command at El Al on March 31, according to a resolution adopted by El Al's board of directors last week.
The 50-year-old brigadier-general will replace E. David as deputy to the company's general manager, Mordechai Ben-Ari. David, who has been with El Al for over two decades, is resigning "for personal reasons," a company spokesman said on Friday.
David, responsible for El Al personnel, has been blamed by various staff committees for the

strained relations with management. For many years El Al has been troubled by labour unrest, slow-downs and all-out strikes. However, the management saw David as an executive willing to shoulder responsibility and take the consequences.
The appointment of T/A Someh, who is a native of Iraq, is regarded as a master stroke by Ben-Ari. For once El Al pilots will find themselves facing someone who "speaks their language" — an ex-combat pilot who was a commanding officer to most of them. Someh will face his first test this week, when a final ruling on El Al flight crew taxation is expected to be handed down by the Ministerial Wage Committee.

Egged stopping tour service for PM's Office

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Egged bus co-operative will stop running get-acquainted tours for students and volunteers from abroad for the Information Centre of the Prime Minister's Office because the office owes Egged over IL100,000, the Egged spokesman said last night.
Gideon Talmor, who made the announcement, said the Egged management is to meet today to discuss ways to find the additional IL70m, the managers say they need by April 1.
One possibility being discussed is a loan from a bank, similar to the IL50m. granted by Bank Hapoalim last month and guaranteed by the Government. The procedure for securing an additional loan was not yet clear, since it would have to avoid or overcome the kind of controversy the last loan sparked in the Knesset Finance Committee, which had to approve the Government guarantee.
Talmor said the management was under pressure to make ends meet, with pay cheques for 6,000 members and some 4,000 salaried workers due tomorrow.

Rabin slips in popularity

TEL AVIV. — Only 36.6 per cent of Israelis now want Yitzhak Rabin to be Prime Minister, as compared with 41.3 per cent last October, according to a poll published in Friday's "Yediot Aharanot." At the same time, 16.9 per cent of voters polled said they would like to see Defence Minister Shimon Peres at the head of the Government, compared with 6.4 per cent in the 1975 poll.
The newspaper had asked readers via a questionnaire to indicate who they would like to see in the various Cabinet Posts if a new Government were set up.
Though the most popular choice for Defence Minister, Peres's popularity for the job has dropped to 41.5 per cent, while former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's popularity rose from 5.6 per cent to 12.6 per cent.
Foreign minister Yigal Allon's popularity for his post declined from 31.9 per cent to 21.5 per cent. Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban meanwhile surged ahead of him in popularity — from 18.1 per cent to 32.5 per cent.

Poll finds 79% favour rise in price of bread

By MARTHA MEISELS
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Seventy-nine per cent of the consumers polled in a public opinion survey favour a rise in the price of bread. About 90 persons responded to the mail questionnaire sent out by the Independent Consumers Association.
Those who favour the increase believe it will place a higher value on bread, thereby discouraging waste. This, in turn, will save the foreign currency spent on importing wheat. The needy elements of society would be compensated by direct subsidies, the proponents believe.
The 21 per cent opposed feel a rise will hit hardest at the middle class, who do not qualify for public aid.
The questionnaire was mailed to members of the Consumers Association and to some members of Wizo women's groups. The questionnaire did not ask how much bread prices should rise.

Atherton blamed

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insisted that Atherton, who would get a letter of reprimand in his file but would not be forced to resign, was not the "fall guy" for Kissinger, most other political observers in Washington believe that it was virtually impossible for a top-flight and respected State Department official, such as Atherton, to give such information to Sheehan unless the Secretary himself had ordered him to do so.
If anything, Atherton has a reputation in the Department of being a tight-lipped official. Considering his experience, observers commented, it was highly improbable that he would have given the memos of conversation to Sheehan unless instructed to do so by someone higher up.
The official reprimand is even more incredible because Sheehan had told a fellow Harvard associate as early as June 1975 — during the height of the Administration's "reassessment" of Middle East policy — that Kissinger himself had authorized Atherton's screening of official documents for his use in his article.
"He made no secret about it," one of Sheehan's associates told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.
The associate, who asked not to be identified, said that Sheehan had earlier approached Kissinger and informed him that he was writing a book on his Middle East diplomacy. Kissinger thereafter took a personal interest in the Sheehan book and even permitted the author, a former U.S. embassy official in Cairo, to



Members of the Kiryat Ono Hapoel soccer team being sworn in to the Civil Guard. The entire football team — followed by members of other Kiryat Ono teams — joined the Civil Guard. Tel Aviv police chief David Ofer, MK Avraham Katz, Football Association head Michael Almog and senior police officers attended the swearing-in ceremony last week.

Ministers' c'ttee agrees: Barkai report must be implemented

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
The Ministerial Wage Committee decided on Friday night to go ahead with the Barkai Committee recommendations. This expectedly sets confrontations yet between the administration and its employees.
The Barkai Committee recommends abolishing the special-functions ("specific") allowances (introduced in the wake of the 1972 collective agreement with the Civil Servants Union). The allowances will have to be deducted from the pay of about 20,000 officials who already receive it. On Friday they expressed their determination to resist the measure.
The ministerial committee reached four conclusions. First, the Government should meet up with the Histadrut over the application of the Barkai recommendations, which (the committee emphasizes) both sides agreed beforehand to accept.
Second, committees should be appointed, as recommended by the Barkai Committee, to examine sectors outside the civil service which are receiving the allowances. According to the report, these sectors include the National Institutions, the local authorities, Government-owned companies and the defence sector.
It suggested that a three-man committee be appointed, consisting of the Director-General of the Ministry of the Interior (concerning employees of the local authorities),

the Director-General of the Education Ministry (concerning teachers in schools and universities), and a third person who should be familiar with the non-profit organizations.
The ministers also require that the Barkai report be brought to the notice of the Speaker of the Knesset and the State Comptroller — two organizations that do not come under the control of the Civil Service Commission, but are answerable direct to the Knesset Finance Committee.
The State Comptroller's Office was the first Government department to grant a special-functions allowance to its staff — and came under fire for that during the ministers' discussions.
Finally, the ministers appointed a subcommittee to examine certain supplementary recommendations made by the Barkai Committee, which are separate from the body of conclusions that the Government and the Histadrut had bound themselves to accept.
The reference is to the suggestion that there is a place for the special-functions allowance, where a relatively small group of employees do a job additional to that normally performed by their occupation group and for which a special grading should in due course be provided — e.g., psychiatric nurses (who figure in the normal nursing grade).

Finance Minister Rabinowitz declared at the end of the meeting that the ministerial committee's decisions open the way for negotiating a renewal of the collective agreement with the civil servants. These negotiations, he stipulated, will be based on the Cabinet's decision that wages in the public service shall be frozen over the next 12 months.
It is understood that Rabinowitz is making this an issue of confidence, over which he would stake his office. "There is to be no compromise, we have reached the moment of decision," a senior Treasury official declared to The Jerusalem Post yesterday.
All Coalition parties are being rallied for the fight. Two other issues have been resolved, to prepare the way for the new hard-line policy. The defence budget will not be increased, despite pressure from the military; and the subsidies budget will stay as it is, despite pressure from the Histadrut.
A number of groups inside the civil service — and inside individual unions affected by the Barkai report (such as the Teachers Union) — have expressed a desire to abide by its recommendations, owing to the gravity of the country's economic crisis. They include senior staff in the Education Ministry and personnel in the President's Bureau.
(Related stories — page 2.)

Paper scored for damaging report on Clal

TEL AVIV. — The executive of the Press Council on Friday censured "Ha'aretz" and its economic reporter, Eytan Lifschitz, for violating the journalists' code of ethics in publishing a news item about the Clal company.
The report, published on the paper's front page last January, alleged that Clal was arranging to obtain a IL20m. Government loan because it was facing liquidity problems. The headline made it appear that Clal was on the verge of collapse.
Apart from the question of accuracy of the news item's details, a committee appointed by the Press Council found, the reporter was unfair in neglecting to get a reaction from Clal's officials. He explained this was due to his desire to retain the news as a scoop. But the care necessary in publishing such an item, which could create a financial panic, supersedes the desire of a reporter to be first with the news, the committee said.
The committee felt that the placing of an item (this one was on the front page) would normally not be a matter with which it should concern itself — it is up to the editors, as "Ha'aretz" claimed. But when the news is not accurate, the damage becomes greater if the item is given prominence. (Itim)

POLICE RESCUE LOST HIKERS

Jerusalem Post Reporter
SAFAD. — Local police on Friday night rescued 36 members of a youth movement who hiked down nearby Wadi Limon and got lost.
The youths, from the Hanor Ha'oved movement of Kfar Sava-Rod Hasharon, were commemorating the death of Yosef Trumpeldor at Tel Hai in 1920. Hiking in the wrong direction, they missed a truck that was to take them back to town. When the temperature dropped to about five degrees, the youth leaders in the truck notified police.
Border Police joined Safad police, and with the help of trackers and bloodhounds they located the shivering hikers at 8 p.m.
Some 3,500 other youngsters went to Kiryat Shmona yesterday to mark the anniversary of the fall of Trumpeldor and seven others in defence of Tel Hai. The youngsters, also from Hanor Ha'oved, included a Druse contingent.
They paraded through the town, carrying posters that proclaimed their solidarity with border settlements.

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Golan	100	18-25	18-25
Nahariya	80	18-25	18-25
Safad	80	18-25	18-25
Tiberias	80	18-25	18-25
Nazareth	80	18-25	18-25
Atula	80	18-25	18-25
Shimon	80	18-25	18-25
Tel Aviv	80	18-25	18-25
B-G Airport	80	18-25	18-25
Jericho	80	18-25	18-25
Gaza	80	18-25	18-25
BeerSheva	80	18-25	18-25
Eilat	80	18-25	18-25
Tiran	80	18-25	18-25

Social and Personal

Jewish Agency treasurer Arye Dulin was awarded the freedom of the town of Carmiel on Friday in a ceremony led by Local Council chairman Baruch Weingart.
Prof. Shlomo Avineri, Director-General-designate of the Foreign Ministry, met yesterday with UJA Overseas Programmes 18 led by Joseph Strelitz of Norfolk, Virginia.
The Rotary Club of Tel Aviv-Jaffa has elected Dr. Acha Hoffman as president; Dr. Michael Strumpf, honorary secretary; and Solomon Grunstein, honorary treasurer for the year beginning in July.
Sonia Grauman, 20, new immigrant from Vilna, has been awarded the IL2,500 Chana Nacher-Singer scholarship, given by George Singer in memory of his late wife. She will be taught a number of roles at the Israel National Opera.

The Seniors' Branch of AAGI will celebrate Purim at their meeting on Wednesday, March 17, at Beit Tabory, 7 Rehov Shulamit, Tel Aviv, at 3.30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service was held on Mt. Canaan on Friday for seven Hagana soldiers killed by a mine during a relief mission for beleaguered Safad in March 1948. It was attended by families and Hagana veterans.

ARRIVALS

Yosef Almog, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, from Costa Rica, where he met with Yigal Allon and Israel's ambassadors to Latin America.
Asher Ben-Yazani, political adviser to the Defence Minister, from the U.S. (by El Al).
Nathan Yellin-Mor of the Israel branch of the "International Committee for a Just Peace in the Middle East" and Uri Burstein of Rakah, from Athens, where they attended a meeting of the Arab and Soviet-boycott organization and met with PLO representatives.
Valerie Harper, star of the American TV show "Rhoda," with a group of United Jewish Appeal volunteers from the U.S.
Stanley Frankel of Detroit, heading the UJA Young Leadership Mission.

CORRECTION

Paul Zuckerman of Detroit is president of the United Jewish Appeal, not chairman, as erroneously reported on Friday. He was chairman during 1972-74.

ALBERT POPPER

passed away on the 12th of March 1976.
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His daughter, Hava Davidovich, and her family
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The funeral will take place today, Sunday, March 14, 1976, leaving at 3 p.m. from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour for Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul.

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We express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, associates, firms and institutions who shared our grief and expressed sympathy in person or in writing.

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We mourn the loss of Jerome K. Brody of Miami Beach, beloved husband of Jane Brody. He was past President of Men's ORT of Miami Beach and a National Director of American ORT Federation. He held leadership responsibilities in ORT at many levels. He identified with profound love with Israel. We shall always cherish his memory.

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Meshel: Unions fail to curb terrorism

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LUXEMBOURG. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel blamed world trade unionists here on Friday for failing to take effective action to curb terrorism aimed at Israel and other countries.
Addressing the executive board of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, of which he is a Vice President, Meshel denounced a bid by the Tunisian delegation to distinguish between terrorism used as a weapon by liberation movements and to other ends.
Meshel also rejected Arab claims at the ICFTU session that the civil strife in Lebanon resulted from failure by Israel to respect United Nations resolutions on evacuating occupied territories.
The two-day ICFTU session rounded off a five-day visit by Meshel to Luxembourg, during which he was the guest of the socialist GT trade union and conferred with the grand duchy's Premier and Foreign Minister, Gaston Thorn.

Danish police seek Israeli in shooting

COPENHAGEN. — Danish police said on Friday they were looking for a 30-year-old Israeli in connection with the shooting and serious wounding here of another Israeli, who witnessed a 1969 bank raid in Tel Aviv.
A police spokesman said they were seeking Michael Masamra, and had asked Interpol to help. He has not been seen since Tuesday, the day of the shooting. There are no charges against Masamra, who is wanted for questioning.
The wounded man is Nissim Cohen, a 30-year-old soldier on leave. He was in serious condition, with head and leg wounds.
Two men received nine-year jail sentences for the bank raid he witnessed.
The police spokesman said Masamra saved him last week from Amsterdam. It appeared the two Israelis met in a flat in the city, then drove to a beach, where Cohen was found later. (Reuters)

FRENCH HEALTH MINISTER HERE

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — French Health Minister Simone Veil arrived here on Friday at the invitation of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.
She will receive an honorary doctor's degree at the Institute this week and will attend the dedication of the Herman Meyer Centre for French Culture and Science in Rehovot. (Itim)

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Purchase of French N-reactor declined

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Israel declined to purchase a fast-breeder-type nuclear reactor offered for sale by a semi-governmental French concern, Technic, Prof. Shimon Yiftah, president of the Israel Nuclear Sciences Society, told the Engineers Club on Friday.
He told The Jerusalem Post that the company, Technic-Atomique, had offered a 450-megawatt reactor — "Phoenix" — fuelled by natural uranium — which would produce plutonium and thus assure its own atomic fuel supply for hundreds of years. The company offered guarantees for the fuel supply and the technical soundness of the reactor, he said.
However, Prof. Yiftah reported, he had advised against its purchase because only three prototypes had been erected. He considered it unwise for Israel's first nuclear power station to be one not sufficiently tried and proven. Although his advice was accepted, the professor said, producing their own fuel, were the reactors of the future.
In addressing the Engineers Club, Prof. Yiftah said that although Israel was one of the few countries entirely dependent on oil imports for its energy needs, "one gets the impression that the energy problem does not exist for our Government." Claiming that this shortcoming had been perpetuated by successive governments since the State was created, he stressed the problem must be resolved immediately.
He proposed a six-point energy programme, including the appointment of a Minister of Energy, who would make policy aided by a National Energy Authority.
He called for a massive energy-saving drive — which could save up to 20 per cent of the energy consumed and \$120m. annually — as well as a massive prospecting effort. Another part of the programme was giving top priority to the nuclear power station project as a national goal and the appointment of a nuclear fuel authority, devoted to producing 100 to 150 tons of uranium annually from Negev phosphates, as a by-product of phosphoric acid production.
Prof. Yiftah warned that too much time has already been lost, that a year after an expert report to the Premier had recommended an authoritative energy body, "there is still no one responsible for this vital subject in the country." He further noted that the Arab states' activities in the N-power field "may close the nuclear technology gap between us."

Customs agents complete paralysis of Eilat Port

Jerusalem Post Staff
EILAT. — The customs clearing and forwarding agents in the port here are going out on strike today as a result of the dispute over the handling of containers, which has almost completely paralysed the Port for 22 days.
Avinash Brunner, spokesman for the agents, said yesterday that the dispute — over the size of longshoremen's norms for working containers — is causing untold damage to factories all over the country, either because the materials they need are in the containers bottled up on the quayside and aboard the ships, or because the containers are not being handled, and the finished products via Eilat. Importers and exporters who have used the Port until now are looking for alternatives, he said, and the effect on the facility could prove irreparable.
The dispute results from the workers' refusal to accept a Ports Authority demand that the container-handling norm be raised from three containers an hour to 5.85 — the norm for Haifa and Ashdod. The authority said this was justified by the new container quay inaugurated here in January, but the men say the facilities are not up to the standards of the other ports.
In Haifa the Zim shipping company on Friday warned the Government, the Histadrut and the Ports Authority that continuation of the strike would put to naught all its efforts over the past two years to make Eilat a viable port competitive with the Suez Canal route. The company noted that the success of its Eilat-Ashdod "land bridge" was totally dependent on the reliability of service and delivery times, which could no longer be assured.
The Zim management also warned that it would have to reconsider its newly-inaugurated container service between Eilat and the Far East, and that it would have to suspend its development plans for Eilat if the strike was not settled forthwith.

‘Fresh vision’ in economics

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
HENRY EHRENBURG is a Jewish industrialist whose home is in Germany, but his heart is in Israel. He believes in the importance of Germany on the world scene — and for Israel too.
"That country will lead Europe's economic recovery, because German industry is the core of European industry. And Israel has an import-



Ehrenberg

ance of its own for Germany. It contributes a new impulse, a fresh vision," he believes.
Ehrenberg is here with the team of visiting industrialists from West Germany. He heads the Neumo Group in Knittlingen, near Stuttgart, which still owns two subsidiaries in Israel, Egmo and Vargus. "They are an inspiration to the mother company, stimulating the exchange of ideas. Believe me, Israel does not only take, it gives as well," he says.
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Rumanian Trade Minister leaves

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev on Friday saw off Rumanian Foreign Trade Minister Nicolae M. Nicolae after four days of talks.
Bar-Lev told reporters his impression from the talks was that Rumania's decision not to renew its contract to pipe Iranian oil purchases through the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline had been taken by the Rumanian national oil company, and not by the Bucharest government.
He added that mutual trade would rise to \$65m. this year, as against \$47m. last year.
The Rumanian minister, in his parting address, said he hoped trade between Israel and Rumania would continue to grow. He declined to answer reporters' questions about the pipeline decision, which will go into effect this summer. (Itim)

Visitors are rescued by helicopter

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
A delegation of West German industrialists, here on a week's visit, were stranded in a downpour, at Eilat Gedi on Friday and had to be rescued by an army helicopter.
At a reception that evening in the home of a leading Jerusalem industrialist, Alexander Rafaili, one of the group told The Jerusalem Post: "I did my army service in the German Air Force, concentrating on air photography. But I had never been up in a helicopter. This was my first experience — and the view of the desert down below was breath-taking."
The visitors were in high spirits, having visited Koor Industries the day before and Israeli Chemicals that morning. Contrary to expectations, there was an active exchange of ideas, with joint business projects mooted. Dr. Arent Oetker, owner of the Schwartzau Works — which, among its other activities, is one of the biggest jam manufacturers in West Germany — is studying the possibility of investing in a plantation and initial processing plant for citrus and possibly other agricultural products that could be used for jam-making in Germany.
The delegation was entertained to dinner in Tel Aviv on Thursday evening by one of its own members, Ignatz Bubis, who owns a chain of hotels in Israel.

HENRY EHRENBURG

electrical components, exporting 20 tons of stainless steel products every month. Vargus manufactures specialized work tools, and it is also in the export business, selling three-quarters of its output abroad. The companies are expanding. Egmo will soon be making hospital equipment.
How many workers? Three hundred, including immigrants from the Soviet Union; "and I'm particularly happy about that," he declares warmly. His representative in Israel is Yehayahu Stopper, one-time head of the Government Investment Authority.
Henry Ehrenberg headed the West German UJA for 15 years. He is a member of the five-man central committee of the Jewish community in that country, an executive member of the Germany-Israel Chamber of Commerce, and vice-president of the Europe-Israel Chamber of Commerce, in Paris.
"The Israelis are best in creative thinking, exporting new ideas," he says. "Per Fischer (the German Ambassador) told our delegation on Thursday that in places like the Weizmann Institute you find the cream of Jewish spiritual achievement. I can confirm what he says from my own observations as an industrialist working in and with Israel."
He believes strongly that the country should steer away from mass production and stick to technology-intensive specializations associated with research and development. He urges Israelis to go out and make their wares known overseas.
"The Metals Week in Tel Aviv is good for publicity. It may attract a couple of hundred visiting buyers. But it does not sell goods. The same money put into showing these exhibits, say in the Hannover Trade Fair, would bring them to the notice of several thousand potential customers."
I met Ehrenberg again at a reception on Friday evening. He button-holed me and said with a twinkle in his eye: "You remember our talk? I've just asked our host (Alexander Rafaili) what he manufactures. He said, pencils. I know firms in Germany which would be glad to order pencils from him. There is the need, you see — to make your products known."

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FORUM'S COMPOSITION SCORED

Labour steering forum moots how to improve party image

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV. — Practical ways to improve the image of the Labour Party were discussed in the first meeting of the new steering forum on Friday.
In this unofficial exchange of views, Golda Meir took an active part. The Jerusalem Post learned. No resolutions were taken, as the forum is only intended as a meeting ground for leading personalities in the party to air their views.
It is understood, however, that during the two-hour meeting it was stressed that the party must impress its members and the general public that it is no longer amorphous but capable of showing strength on issues on which a decision had been reached.
Establishment of the steering forum has run into sharp opposition from other key members and groups in the Labour Party.
The Knesset Labour faction, for example, has not been given representation. Moshe Wertman, MK, who is chairman of the coalition faction, has already voiced objection to this fact.
In radio interviews yesterday, Uzi

Praise for Gov't, criticism on budget, from Ben-Shahar

The present Government inherited many problems from the previous one, which had not dealt with them adequately. It is a more courageous government, Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar, president of Tel Aviv University, said yesterday.
If this Government has failed in anything, it was in not making it sufficiently clear to the people how grave Israel's economic situation is, he added.
Prof. Ben-Shahar was speaking on an Israel Radio interview.
This situation, he said, made it necessary to reduce defence spending, to cut down the state budget. High defence expenditures obstruct economic growth and increase Israel's political dependence. The more is spent on defence now, the less will be available for such expenditures in future, he said.
He had sharp criticism for the budget as presented in the Knesset last week. If the budget is not cut back to the size it was when the Finance Minister presented it to the Cabinet two months ago, Israel could lose a year of progress toward its goals.
The Barkai Committee report, recommending elimination of "specific" allowances for sections of the civil service, is a great opportunity for the Government to acquaint the public with the gravity of the economic situation. But the recommendations must be fully implemented — or the damage will be vast.
Prof. Ben-Shahar, who headed the committee which recommended the income tax reform in effect since July, said he was satisfied with the implementation of the reform so far, and hoped the entire reform would be executed. (Itim)

Fight pressure groups, Barkai urges Government

"No disaster would occur if El Al did not fly for two months, or for a year — nothing would happen!" Prof. Haim Barkai said in an interview with "Ma'ariv" published Friday.
The public must not yield, and the Government must, therefore, fight stubbornly against strong workers' pressure groups which use the strike threat for extortion, Prof. Barkai said, using El Al as an example. "If because of great fear (on the Government's part) entire worker groups have become convinced they can grab the country by the throat and no one will oppose them — it is high time to stand up and force such extortionists to pay the full price of their actions."
The leading economist, who headed the committee on "specific" allowances which recommended their elimination in the civil service, identified himself as a "leftist" but said he was against permitting certain workers to retain the right of striking. A group such as the electric company workers, he said, must not have control over the entire country's power and still be permitted to strike.
Prof. Barkai, without being asked, said he considered unlikely credit "a major scandal." There are those who receive large amounts in unlinked loans, at low interest. A person who received IL1m. at 10 per cent interest for a year in which prices went up 30 per cent paid back only IL1m. — which was worth only IL800,000 (compared to the IL1m. he got). He thus made IL200,000 free of taxes. Yet, the Government borrows through linked bonds — and wants to cut down on the linkage there.
The professor, appointed last week dean of the Social Science Faculty at the Hebrew University, said he could not understand the Left and the Histadrut demanding cuts in the linkage of bonds, while permitting unlinked loans.

Woman arrested in Elbaz death

TEL AVIV. — A 26-year-old woman suspected of aiding the alleged killers of Claude Elbaz and withholding evidence was remanded into 15 days' custody by a magistrate here on Friday.
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Cargo jet from Syria lands, refuels here

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — A Boeing 707 cargo jet of the French Air Freight company landed here yesterday after taking off from Damascus without adequate fuel, and being refused permission to land at Beirut and Cyprus. It was on its way to Nîmes, France.
The airport authorities at Beirut told the pilot he could not land there because of the curfew imposed due to the civil strife there. The airport at Nicosia was closed because of bad weather. The pilot then radioed, asking for permission to land here.
Two Air Force interceptors accompanied the cargo plane, with its crew of four, to a side landing strip here. After a thorough security check, the plane was given the usual ground check and refuelling services. (Itim)

Timna men table plan

By SHEILA MELTZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
EILAT. — The Timna copper mines' works committee, in an effort to avert closure of the mines, last week submitted plans for continued operation during the next two years.
The plans, calling for dismissal of 32 per cent of the 650 workers, say the copper cement, would be produced at a cost of \$750 per ton instead of the current \$950. This would mean operating at a loss of IL20m. per year, but would provide an opportunity to find alternative employment for the mines' employees, the workers said.
The plans were submitted to the Knesset Finance, Economic and Labour Committees, the Histadrut and the Government.
But Timna's managing director, Uri Wurtzberger, said the plan was not an adequate solution — it did not take into account the rising costs of materials and labour. Moreover, he said, the recent rise in the price of copper came from the falling value of the pound sterling, not from copper market changes.
The works committee has called for a meeting today of all workers in Eilat, ostensibly to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the town's liberation during the War of Independence. The police, alert for a demonstration which could turn violent, have brought in large reinforcements from Beersheba.

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Small force still guarding river project

Most S.African troops withdraw from Angola

PRETORIA. — All South African troops have been withdrawn from Angola apart from a number guarding the Cunene River hydro-electric and irrigation scheme installations.

This was announced on Friday night by Defence Minister Pieter Botha. He did not say how many soldiers would remain on the Cunene River, but the number is believed to be small. At the height of the Angolan civil war, South Africa had up to 5,000 troops deep inside the country.

Botha said the withdrawal had been made possible through the repatriation to Portugal of most of the refugees gathered at Pereira d'Eca, about 40 miles inside Angola. "With the refugee responsibility in Pereira d'Eca carried out without any interference, the South African forces, with the exception of elements at Caluque and Run-cana (guarding the Cunene scheme), now find themselves south of the border," Botha said.

The troops would stay on the Cunene "until satisfactory arrangements can be made to maintain order there. Obviously, the South African Defence Force is still positioned for the protection of the South-West African border."

The installations at Caluque are about 25 kilometres inside Angola, and at Run-cana straddle the South-West African border.

Over the last few weeks, about 6,000 refugees from four centres in southern Angola have been flown to Windhoek in South-West Africa, from where they were airlifted to Lisbon.

Meanwhile, fears of wider Soviet and Cuban intervention in African guerrilla wars against White rule in Southern Africa are fading.

As the victorious Cuban troops swooped through southern Angola two months ago, a small force of South Africa's direct clash along the border of Angola and South-West Africa. There were also fears the Cubans might join black nationalist guerrillas in Mozambique attacking inside Rhodesia.

But military, diplomatic and intelligence sources all report no evidence of such action, supporting the view that the Soviet Union and Cuba are more interested in consolidating gains in Angola.

According to one informed source, African troops of Angola's Popular Movement (MPLA) and Cuban Forces have halted their drive south toward the South-West African border.

The MPLA soldiers are reported holding a line about 125 miles north of the border and the Cubans 175 miles further behind.

Guerrilla forces of the South-West Africa People's Organization have stopped attacks across the border from bases in southern Angola since February 13, sources here say.

In Rhodesia military authorities as well as diplomats in Mozambique's capital, Maputo, say no significant shipments of arms or Cuban troops have arrived in the country.

Although it is reported that a handful of Cuban and Soviet military advisers are in Mozambique, the sources say there is no evidence the Cubans are planning any direct role in the Rhodesian conflict at present.

Source observers believe the Soviet Union and Cuba have their hands full restoring order in Angola, where the MPLA still faces guerrilla forces of the National Union (Unita) Movement in the south-east of the country. (AP)

Wilson survives vote of confidence by 17

LONDON. — Prime Minister Harold Wilson's Labour Government has survived a vote of confidence in the House of Commons by a majority of 17, but the Government faces a growing rift with left-wing Labourites that could undermine its authority.

Government gloom deepened within hours of the vote late Thursday night when the opposition Conservative Party won two by-elections with increased majorities at Wirral in north-west England and Carlisle, south-west of London. The Conservatives' victories make no difference in the line-up in the 635-seat House of Commons in which Labour has 317 seats. But they did little to brighten the Government's prospects.

The 297-280 vote of confidence on Wilson's rule and policies was made necessary by a revolt of 37 left-wing Labourites in Parliament on Wednesday. They abstained in a vote on Government plans to slash public spending by early £3b, causing a stinging 28-vote defeat for the Government.

The rebels voted for the Government on Thursday night to keep

it in power, as expected. But party managers took no chances — they called three pro-Wilson Labourites from their sickbeds to vote and drove them to the House in ambulances.

Had Wilson lost the vote, he would have been forced to resign and call a general election.

However, the split between Wilson and the rebels widened during bitter exchanges and uproar in Parliament.

After the vote Wilson dismissed two of the rebel left-wingers from their posts as parliamentary private secretaries — ministers aides being groomed for future office. A third resigned. Although all three remain in Parliament, the dismissals were seen as reprisals against the left-wingers that will aggravate the rift.

The left-wingers opposed the proposed public spending cuts because they charge they will boost unemployment, now running at 12 million or about 5.5 per cent, and force up the cost of living. The planned measures are a key part of the Government's policy to revive Britain's ailing economy. (AP)

People-for-money pact accepted by Bonn

BONN. — The deletion of one word in the text of a letter saved a vital treaty between West Germany and Poland from being rejected by Parliament here yesterday.

The controversial "people-for-money" pact, signed last October, was approved unanimously by the upper house of Parliament after Warsaw had accepted demands that all Germans living in Poland would

eventually be allowed to leave.

For at least 125,000 Germans and possibly many more claiming German descent the treaty promises the chance of resettlement in the West. In return West Germany will grant Poland DM 1,000m. (\$100m.) in easy-term credits and DM 1,300m. in settlement of pension claims.

It took a day and a night of feverish diplomatic exchanges for the two countries to agree on a verbal formula satisfying the West German Christian Democratic Party, which controls the upper house.

In the end, success was achieved by the simple expedient of leaving out the word "can" in an interpretative letter accompanying the treaty.

It is estimated there are more than 250,000 ethnic Germans living in Poland, but the treaty says that only 125,000 will get exit visas within an initial four-year period. The explanatory letter as originally drafted said that, after this period, further visas could be granted. The deletion of the German word "kann" rendered the sense of the key sentence to mean further visas would — not could — be granted. (Reuters)

Colombia makes marijuana legal

BOGOTA. — The Colombian government yesterday announced that it will legalize the use of marijuana and the possession of up to 28 grams a person. An official said the government agreed with the widely-held view that marijuana users were sick people, not delinquents. (Reuters)

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Swedish King to wed commoner

STOCKHOLM. — Sweden's King Carl Gustaf, one of European royalty's most eligible bachelors, is to marry a West German commoner, Silvia Sommerlath, the royal palace announced Friday.

The announcement ended speculation that began soon after the 29-year-old monarch met Miss Sommerlath, 32, daughter of a West German businessman and his Brazilian wife, at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

Miss Sommerlath, a gifted linguist who speaks English, German, French, Spanish and Portuguese, was one of the guides appointed to accompany prominent visitors to the games. Since then she has visited Sweden several times as the guest of the King, who acceded to the Swedish throne in September, 1973.

In her latest job she selected and trained more than 200 guides for last month's Winter Olympics in Innsbruck.

In a recent interview, King Carl Gustaf said that while he would not want to hold back a woman with a profession, "I would prefer my wife to be home and take care of the house and children." (Reuters)

Russian plane crash kills 120

MOSCOW. — A Soviet passenger plane flying from Moscow to Yerevan, in Armenia, crashed last week-end, killing everyone on board, according to the Armenian newspaper "Kommunist" reaching here on Friday.

It was the first official confirmation of reports from travellers in Moscow and Yerevan on Tuesday. The reports said that at least 120 people were on the plane.

Earlier an airport official in Yerevan denied a Western news agency report about the crash.

The newspaper carried a small back-page announcement by the Armenian section of the state airline Aeroflot saying the plane, an Ilyushin-18 turbo prop, had come down near the city of Voronezh, 500 kms. south of Moscow.

The announcement, which has not been carried in Moscow newspapers, gave no exact casualty figure although it said there were no survivors. Soviet planes normally fly full on internal routes and the IL-18 takes about 122 passengers. (Reuters)

Soviet Embassy bombed in Laos

VIENTIANE, Laos. — Two grenades were thrown into the grounds of the Soviet Embassy here on Friday, wounding four Russians, city officials said yesterday.

They said the Russians — two women and two men — were playing table tennis when the grenades exploded.

The attack came amid reports here of almost daily ambushes, guerrilla strikes and skirmishes in various parts of Laos.

Leaflets and posters have appeared, especially in schools and public buildings, giving the impression of a propaganda campaign against the pro-Communist Pathet Lao government. (Reuters)

Yugoslav court jails Stalinists

BEGRAD. — A court handed out heavy jail terms here on Friday to four Yugoslav Stalinists, including a former deputy premier of Croatia, for plotting to overthrow the state.

The sentences of up to 10 years were seen by lawyers as a warning to any others who opposed Yugoslavia's economic self-management system and foreign policy.

The group was found guilty of plotting to overthrow the state and bring the country under foreign influence. The Belgrade district court trial was held behind closed doors.

Sentenced were: —Milivoje Stevanovic, 64, former editor of the official news agency Tanjug; 10 years; —Dusan Etkic, former deputy premier of the Croatian Republic; eight years; Radovan Zigic, 55, retired; eight and a half years; Ljubomir Radulovic, 58, retired; seven and a half years.

Europe's banks prop up franc

LONDON. — Leading European central banks, headed by the Bank of France, spent up to \$1,000m. Friday to keep the European joint currency snake intact, as the currency market unrest continued.

Most of the intervention was to support the French franc, under speculative attack in the European snake in which slight currencies float, together against the dollar.

Sterling — whose sharp falls last week helped to precipitate the international currency upheaval — also needed further strong support from the Bank of England. The British pound dropped again Friday — to \$1.9325 — after trade figures for February were published and a Bank of England decision to leave its minimum lending rate unchanged at nine per cent. (Reuters)

(Sterling's dramatic drop, page 7)



King Carl Gustaf of Sweden and Silvia Sommerlath held their first press conference as an engaged couple yesterday morning at the Royal Castle in Stockholm.

30 executed after Nigerian coup bid

LONDON. — Thousands of people watched the public executions of 30 people condemned for their role in last month's abortive coup in Nigeria, Lagos Radio said on Friday.

Fifteen soldiers were beheaded by a firing squad at Kiri-kiri and the others met their deaths on a beach, according to the radio, monitored here.

A total of 125 people, soldiers and civilians, were arrested in connection with the attempted coup on February 13 in which the head of state, General Murtala Muhammed, was assassinated. Forty were released but 32 were given death sentences.

A radio correspondent said that the federal defence commissioner, Major General I.D. Basalla, among the 15 executed on the beach. The radio did not say whether the leader of the coup, Lieut.-Col. S. Dimka, was among those executed.

The radio also reported that Nigeria is taking legal and diplomatic steps to get Yankuba Gowon, the previously deposed head of state, home from Britain to answer a charge of complicity in the abortive coup. Gowon was himself deposed last July and is now studying English. (Reuters)

Japan indicts Lockheed adviser on taxes

TOKYO. — The prosecutor's office yesterday indicted Yoshio Kodama on charges of tax evasion in the first legal action taken against a person involved in the Lockheed pay-off scandal.

Kodama, an influential ultra-rightist who allegedly helped Lockheed Aircraft Corporation win sales contracts in Japan, failed to report \$3,550m. which he had received from Lockheed in 1972, the prosecutor's office said. If convicted, Kodama faces a maximum sentence of three years' imprisonment.

Tax officials also have ordered Kodama to pay \$5.18m. in unpaid taxes and penalty fines for unreported income in 1970-72 by noon tomorrow.

Last month, Lockheed officials told the U.S. Senate sub-committee that Kodama had been paid \$7m. of the \$12.6m. Lockheed spent in various sales drives in Japan. Some of this money allegedly ended up as bribes to high Japanese officials.

A spokesman for Kodama, who was employed as a consultant by Lockheed in 1972, reportedly told authorities the back taxes and pen-

alties will be paid tomorrow. The indictments followed raids on Kodama's home and offices and a 20-day investigation by 300 L.I.O. officials.

In another report of a briber by a large company, Prime Minister Joop Den Uyl of the Netherlands has promised to probe allegations that a Dutch railway engineering company paid vast sums in high Argentine Government bonds to clinch sales of rolling stock in the early 1950s. Den Uyl said the Government would look into reports that Werkspoor paid about \$5.8m. at present exchange rates unnamed officials.

The Amsterdam newspaper "De Telegraaf," which first reported the alleged pay-offs, said the probes were made with Dutch Government and Central Bank approval into about 40 secret Swiss bank accounts in 1951 and 1952.

In Buenos Aires, Argentine government officials called the allegations an attempt to blackmail the late President Juan Peron and his second wife, Eva. (AP, Reuters)

Claim for \$50m. wrecked tanker

BREST, France. — The stranded oil tanker Olympic Bravery — the world's costliest wreck — yesterday broke in two off the coast near here, maritime officials said.

They reported that the 275,000-ton tanker, which ran aground on January 24, finally broke up in winds that touched 110 kilometres an hour.

The tanker was insured for \$50m. This is twice the sum for the Norwegian supertanker Berge Istra, which vanished in the Pacific

December in what was then the world's most expensive marine disaster. The Onassis shipping group, which owns the Olympic Bravery, submitted a claim in London for the tanker to be written off.

The stern section of the huge vessel sank immediately, it was reported, while the larger forward section remained wedged on a rock. It was abandoned by the crew after running aground. (AP, Reuters)

Cairo seizes more 'Libyan saboteurs'

CAIRO. — Egyptian officials have arrested five persons carrying Libyan passports who were planning sabotage here, the semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" reported yesterday.

The newspaper said the five were not Libyans, but did not give their nationalities. They were arrested at Cairo Airport last Thursday after arriving from Libya, and the authorities have decided to deport them. "Al-Ahram" said.

Another Cairo newspaper, the weekly "Al-Khbar el-Yom," said 12 Libyan military personnel cooperating with an Arab terrorist group were arrested at Cairo Airport last Sunday and Monday while en route to Baghdad to carry out sabotage there.

The newspaper gave no details of the reported cooperation with the terrorist group George Habash's "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine."

The arrests follow reports here earlier last week of a plot to kidnap two senior Libyan officials living in Egypt, the arrest of 27 Libyans in Egypt, and the expulsion of 3,000 Egyptians from Libya.

"Al-Ahram" said interrogation of the arrested Libyans showed that

Libyan head of state Muammar Gaddafi and some of his relatives have personally supervised the training of special forces engaged in sabotage, assassination and kidnapping. One mission was allegedly to kidnap the Libyan Foreign Minister, Major Abdel-Moneim el-Hadi, and Major Omar el-Meheshi, the former Libyan Housing Minister, both of whom have refused to return to Tripoli.

Major Meheishi said in an long interview with "Al-Ahram" that Colonel Gaddafi was against unity with Egypt unless it helped him to become ruler of Egypt. He also charged that the colonel was concluding arms deals through a British commissioner who headed an Anglo-Israeli friendship society. He gave no names.

In Tripoli, Colonel Gaddafi yesterday said the Cairo press campaign against him was the work of Egypt's Secret Service, which he claimed was dominated and directed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. The interview with Major Meheishi, he added, was "full of lies and arouses mockery and ridicule." The Libyans soldiers arrested, he said, were mostly men with Egyptian wives who had been visiting relatives. (Reuters)

U.S. firm paid to get off Arab list

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The General Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, is reported to have paid \$150,000 to get off the Arab League's "black list" of firms trading with Israel.

Sol Stern, a respected journalist, reveals in an article to appear in next week's "New Republic" magazine, that the U.S. firm, which once had a one-third equity ownership in the Shimshon tyre company in Israel, paid the fee to Triad Financial Services, a firm owned by Saudi financier Adnan Khashoggi.

In 1963, General Tire sold its ownership in the Shimshon company, but was retained on the black list because of ostensible technical cooperation it had with the Israeli

company. The report by Stern of the \$150,000 pay-off was the first such documented evidence of large-scale payments to Arab middlemen to get blacklisted firms off the list, although there have been rumours for years that this was the case.

General Tire was removed from the list in 1973 following the payment and the suspension of any cooperation with the Israeli company.

Stern, whose report on the General Tire pay-off is part of a lengthy article on the Arab boycott against Israel, quoted a spokesman for the American firm as insisting that the company had done "nothing improper." We paid a fee for professional services to help us get off the list." The Internal Revenue Service

permitted General Tire to deduct the \$150,000 from its income tax return since it was considered a business expense, Stern said.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has charged that 20 American corporations and 25 major banks, many in alliance with Arab-American chambers of commerce, are waging economic war against Israel. The League's charges are based on the findings of an investigation carried out under the direction of its general counsel, Ar. nold Foster.

Among the banks named by the ADL as processing letters of credit, which include boycott provisions are Bankers Trust, Chase Manhattan, Chemical Bank, First National City, Morgan Guarantee Trust Company and Bank of America.

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Sterling's dramatic drop reflects Empire's end

By J. VOET
Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE DROP of the British pound through the magic — though trivial — \$2 barrier exemplifies the diminishing importance of sterling and of Great Britain itself.

Before World War I it was the undisputed reserve currency and most international trade was invoiced in sterling. London was the capital market of the world. It took nearly five U.S. dollars (\$4.86) to buy one English pound.

World War I changed all that. Britain was on the winning side, but its economy was heavily damaged. The U.S. on the other hand was soon to become the world's leading industrial power. This was reflected in the sterling-dollar rate, immediately after the war.

In 1920 for a short time, only \$3.20 were needed to buy a pound. But one of the foolish ambitions of the British government (which included Winston Churchill) was to restore the pride and glory of the empire and with it the \$4.86 rate.

This was done in 1925, but helped to create the depression of the thirties, when millions of Englishmen went on the dole. Economic forces proved, as usual, stronger than political ambitions.

Then the pound was detached from its fixed dollar rate and subjected to what we call now a "dirty float" price fixing by supply and demand, regulated by strong government intervention (with the assistance of the secret so-called "qualitative fund"). Sterling first dropped to \$3.50 in 1932. When the U.S. experienced troubles of its own, it started, upwards again, to reach the \$5 level, momentarily in 1933.

This volatile period ended in 1937. The sterling-dollar rate was again fixed. This time at \$4.00. For over two years sterling was restored in its former glory as the world's leading reserve currency, although at a somewhat lower rate than before the war.

But the hostilities which started in September 1939 changed all that. Currency controls were imposed, to be gradually relaxed only after 1945. The pound-dollar rate remained, however, fixed at \$4.00. This was decided too high and led to trade being in so-called "cheap sterling," using official rates, but giving discounts of up to 30%.

It took four years, till 1949, before the British authorities accepted the facts of economic life and devalued the sterling to \$2.80. This was in force for a relatively long period until 1967. Then after several costly attempts to defend the \$2.80 rate a further devaluation was unavoidable. The new rate of \$2.40 proved valid for only a few years. Soon after the so-called Smithsonian agreement, sterling joined the group of floating currencies. Gradually the price moved downwards, with fluctuations of course.

Now it passed the \$2 barrier, and decided so. It stands at about 40% of its former dollar value. In terms of the strongest currency in the world, the Swiss franc, it has dropped to less than one quarter of its previous value.

But then the Swiss have been spared two world wars.

Few buy IL400 lottery tickets

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mifal Hapayis, the state lottery, is continuing to sell IL400 tickets in its Lotto programme despite the very small number sold.

Asked by The Jerusalem Post if such high-priced tickets could not have a harmful effect on persons, especially those in the low income bracket and those addicted to gambling, Moshe Talmon, deputy director of Mifal Hapayis, said that only a few persons buy the IL400 tickets each week. These were usually bought by groups, he added.

Yitzhak Oren, Chairman of the Board of Mifal Hapayis, told a press conference that many people seem to forget that the profits are spent

\$1b. fund to prop up Cairo economy

CAIRO. — A proposed Arab fund to save Egypt's ailing economy is to have an initial capital of at least \$1,000m. the semi-official Egyptian press reported last week.

The creation of the fund was announced by President Anwar Sadat last month at the end of a six-month tour of oil-rich Arab countries. No details on the size of the fund were then given.

Finance ministers of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar are currently meeting in Jeddah to work out details. Cairo newspapers said emphasis would be given to projects to boost Egypt's gross national product. Financing would cover the shattered Egyptian infrastructure as well as industry.

"Al Ahram" and "Al Gounhouria" said the fund would be operated by financial and economic experts from the founder states but there was no mention of earlier reports that experts of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and

NEW DELEK HEAD

Abraham Agmon, former Director-General of the Treasury, is to be appointed shortly as managing director of the Delek Fuel Company.

When he left his post in the Finance Ministry last June, he was due to head Israel Corporation "B." But there was a public outcry at the appointment of a senior Treasury official immediately to direct a company which had close dealings with the department he was leaving.



Australia is renowned for producing almost \$A1-billion worth of wool annually — yet despite the nation's 153,000,000 sheep, it still has to import wool suitable for carpetmaking. The Melbourne College of Textiles has started a three-year project aimed at starting a local carpet wool industry. The photograph shows a student recording the weight of a Romney March sheep, a breed with wool suitable for carpets.

(Continued from Thursday)

Justice Cohn

Justice Cohn, in his minority opinion, held at the outset that he could not agree with his colleagues that an agreement containing an undertaking to effect a transaction in immovable property would, when made by the guardian of minor children on their behalf, be deemed to be a mere "proposition" until such time as it has been approved by the court. For, he said, in explaining his reasons for this opinion, most of the acts referred to in section 20 of the Capacity and Guardianship Law, 1962, are proprietary and not obligatory acts; that is, just as the transfer, charging etc. of a dwelling, or the making of a gift (which are some of the other acts referred to in section 20) are subject to prior approval of the court, so is an act connected with immovable property whose validity is conditional upon registration (within the meaning of subsection (2) of section 20), subject to prior approval of the court.

However the validity of an undertaking to effect a transaction in immovable property is not conditional upon registration, he continued, but is conditional only on being contained in a written document, (see section 8 of the Land Law, 1969). In other words, he held, as the validity of an undertaking to effect a transaction is not conditional upon registration, therefore the undertaking does not require previous approval by the court, when made in the name of a minor, and such an undertaking, even if not approved by the court, would constitute

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Further Hearing Before the President (Justice Agron) Justices Berenson, Cohn, and Maza, v. I. Nehum and Misha Levy 2. Administrator General Respondent (F.E. 17/75)

TRANSACTIONS BY MINORS' GUARDIANS BINDING ONLY AFTER COURT APPROVAL

WALL STREET WEEK

Landmark in market's recovery

NEW YORK. — The stock market was back in fashion this past week. After five or six years of disappointment and disfavor, it was putting on a performance that caught the public's eye as the Dow Jones industrial average made a successful bid to cross 1,000 for the first time since early 1973.

Television news crews popped up at the New York Stock Exchange. Commuters asked each other for forecasts. A liquor company saluted the Dow's struggle with a full-page newspaper ad.

Beginning last Tuesday morning, the best known of the market indicators made five runs past the 1,000 mark. On the last one Thursday afternoon, it made it and held on long enough to close at 1,003.31.

It didn't last much longer — a flurry of profit taking on Friday pushed the average back down to 987.64, up 14.72 for the week.

But a new landmark had been passed in the market's dramatic recovery from the lows of December 1974.

In 15 months since then, through Thursday's close, the average had risen 425 points, or roughly 75 per cent. In 10 weeks since New Year's, it had posted a gain of 150 points.

The message, most analysts agreed, was one of strong optimism for better times ahead in an economy still contending with the effects of the severest recession since World War II. It remained to be seen, of course, whether all those hopes would be fulfilled. But the market at least

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Friday, March 12, 1976

The selected list of stocks is based on the quotations at 3 p.m. New York time.

Allied Chemical	41%	Union Carbide	75%
Aluminum Co.	50%	United Technologies	58%
American Brands	40%	U.S. Steel	84%
American Can	35%	Westinghouse Elec.	61%
American Tel and Tel	56	Woolworth	24%
Anacosta	21	Avon Prod	39%
Bethlehem Steel	44%	Boeing	26%
Chrysler	19%	Boise Cascade	27%
Dupont	151 1/4	Citicorp	32%
Eastman Kodak	111	Control Data	24%
Esmark Inc.	39%	Dynegy	59%
Exxon	58	Dome Mines	42%
General Electric	50%	Fairchild Camera	40%
General Foods	29%	General Dynamics	47%
General Motors	68 1/2	IBM	262 1/4
Goodyear	22%	Int. Tel. Tel.	28%
Inter. Harvester	26%	LTV Corp	15%
Inter. Nickel	33%	McDonalds	60%
Inter. Paper	77%	Natl. Semiconductor	49 1/4
Johns Manville	30%	NCR Corp.	25%
Owens-Illinois	58%	Polaroid	40%
Proctor and Gamble	84%	RCA Corp.	27%
Sears Roebuck	74	Sperry Rand	46 1/4
Standard Oil of Calif	30%	SynTex	32 1/4
Texaco	25 1/4	Xerox	62 1/4

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LAW REPORT

Edited by Doris Lankin

DOING THE BEST FOR A MINOR

an agreement and not merely a proposition.

Justice Cohn then went on to point out that the mere fact that a guardian of a minor makes an agreement with respect to the minor's land, means that he undertakes, by implication, to ask for the court's approval of the transaction as soon as reasonably possible, on the grounds that it is to the minor's advantage (since it must be reasonably presumed that the guardian would not deliberately act against the minor's interest.) It is for this reason, he continued, that the law empowers the Attorney General, or his representative, to plead before the court if it appears to him, or to the Administrator General, that the transaction is not in the minor's favour and should not, therefore, be approved by the court.

In the case under consideration, continued Justice Cohn, the appel-

lant had not fulfilled her duties as guardian of her minor children: she had unduly delayed her first application to the court to approve the transaction she had undertaken to effect on behalf of her children, with the result that the price agreed upon in the contract was no longer realistic in comparison with the market price at the time her application was heard.

Nevertheless she had asked for the transaction to be approved at the price agreed upon and the Administrator General had raised no objections and had advised the court to approve the transaction as it stood — which might have been the reason why the court had failed to ask for a current examination of the state of the market. At this stage, after receiving approval of the court, the appellant should have implemented the transaction immediately. In failing to do so she, and

hence the minors, had committed a breach of contract, and with all the good will which the law has for minors it cannot be expected to encourage, or tolerate, the breach of a contractual undertaking which is binding upon them.

He was prepared to concede, continued Justice Cohn, that when the District Court Judge was confronted with the application to rescind this approval he found himself in an embarrassing position: On the one hand he was asked by the minors' guardian, who in fact had no right of standing in this particular matter, to give judicial approval to the breach of a binding contract; and on the other hand he was asked to rectify what he, himself, rightly regarded as his own mistake, in order to save the minors the loss of the transaction would cause them.

In the circumstance he could not be blamed if he chose the second alternative and rectified his error, although it was very doubtful if he had the right to do so. However, he did not wish, held Justice Cohn, to quarrel with his colleagues on this point and was prepared to bow to their opinion that the facts that had come to light at a later stage were "additional facts" within the meaning of section 74 of the Law, and that the District Court had therefore been entitled to rescind his approval.

But in spite of this concession on his part, he concluded, he could not see how the District Court, when the matter should be returned to it, could now approve the transaction at 1973 prices — as the President had proposed — when these prices were already out of

date today. For this would cause the minors no less of a loss today than they would have been caused if the District Court had not rescinded, in 1975, its approval of the transaction at the 1972 prices.

Justice Berenson

Justice Berenson concurred with Justice Cohn that the appellant's undertaking to effect a transaction in land did not amount merely to a proposition which lacked all legal validity as long as it was not approved by the court. For, he said, all that the court is required to approve is the act of registration which flows from the undertaking, and all that that means is that a guardian is not entitled to complete a transaction by registering it without the prior approval of the court.

On the other hand, continued Justice Berenson, he was of the opinion that before a court decides whether to approve completion of a transaction or not, it is entitled, in the interests of the minors, to examine the transaction in the light of current circumstances at the time the approval is given.

In so far as the question of whether the District Court had been entitled to rescind its first approval, he concurred, held Justice Berenson, that in the circumstances it had been, but he agreed with the president that the respondents should now be given the opportunity of purchasing the land in question at IL20,000 a dunam, which was the market price in 1975.

Supreme Court decision 217/75 set aside by majority decision. Judgment given on January 29, 1976.

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Introduction: Mr. DAVID HOROWITZ
on Tuesday, March 22, 1976, at 8.30 p.m.

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Notice to Parents

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Thursday, March 18 — Wednesday, March 31, 1976.

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Tuesday, April 6 — Tuesday, April 23, 1976.

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CHAOS IN LEBANON

PERHAPS the most notable fact about Lebanon has been its capacity to sustain chaos for so long without total disruption of its existence.

But the events of the last few days have put even this into question. The military coup, which itself remains an ambiguity, is a desperate attempt to try to restore social order. But with the army itself in disarray, it is not clear how the military can provide either the muscle or the unified effort to make this possible.

The result of the coup or quasi-coup has been merely to intensify the forces of disintegration.

There are those in Lebanon and out who believe that some order could be restored if President Frangieh were to heed the call of the coup's leaders and step down. But he has been resisting this, while holding up in his presidential palace. Most of the country's political leaders have remained uncommitted, not knowing themselves how to rescue the country from this travesty.

The danger, of course, is that if the Lebanese cannot find their own way back to social order they will be inviting external intervention.

Syria, which has been engineering much of the disruption of the past few months by its support of dissident forces, could well feel tempted to play this role. Until now, deterred largely by fears of Israel's reaction, the Syrians have preferred to exercise their control indirectly. This was supposed to have led to constitutional changes establishing a new frame of government giving the Moslems of Lebanon more power.

However, the reforms have not been implemented. Instead, the disorder that led to Syrian intervention has merely mounted in pace and intensity.

Certainly if Syria were to intervene more directly than it has until now, serious questions would be raised about the implications of such a move for Israel.

But chaos in Lebanon is also not a situation which Israel can watch with equanimity. For one of the elements in the chaos is the heightened power of the terrorist groups in southern Lebanon, which threaten the normal course of life in Israel's north.

WHEN a prime minister is reeling and wobbling so painfully, the task of a loyal opposition, in a parliamentary democracy, is to put the knife in — to finish him off if possible, anyway to further weaken him. That, of course, is on the assumption — the underlying assumption of the democratic system — that the opposition wants a) to depose the prime minister, and b) to take over the government.

This assumption is again proving inapplicable in our country. The Likud is demonstrating once more what perceptive analysts have long insisted: that the central weakness of our politics is not Labour's determination to retain power, but Likud's lack of determination to wrest power from Labour.

Labour's urge for power is, after all, a natural political instinct. And power, like Antony's Cleopatra, "makes hungry where most she satisfies." It is Likud's insufficient endowment with this instinct which is unnatural.

How otherwise is Menachem Begin's prolonged absence from the country, at this time of unprecedented governmental vulnerability, to be explained? Some Herut Knesset Members, sensing apparently the pertinence of this question, summoned up the courage to telephone Begin to New York and ask him. The Leader of the Opposition is in the U.S. ostensibly on an Israel Bonds mission, but more importantly on a mission to bail out his Herut party from its morass of debts. His reply to the telephoned query was poignantly practical. "Make up your minds," Begin said. "Do you want me to stay here and save you, or come back and let us all sink?"

The questioners were convinced, but we need not be. Herut's accumulated debt is said to be around IL80 million; the cost of an air return ticket New York-Lod-New York

The Prime Minister is beset by troubles from all sides — save one: the Opposition. Harassed and discomfited in his own party, unexpectedly in discord with the U.S., the sight of the Opposition in its tragicomic impotence is almost his only source of consolation, writes *Post* Diplomatic Correspondent David Landau.



ha-Likud," says this Herut source, "because their veteran leaders fear they wouldn't be elected to the Knesset list in an all-Likud poll ballot."

A leading light in the Liberals sees things differently. "To cast out Begin," he says, "would be to destroy Herut as an electoral force. Begin accounts for ten of Herut's sixteen seats. Granted, he probably cost the Likud six or seven seats in the 1973 election — the difference between defeat and victory. Many voters were no doubt deterred by Begin's opposition to the Geneva Conference, which was then seen as a great ray of hope."

"Ideally, I would like to see Begin close the Likud list at the next election (i.e. in the 120th spot). In that way he would be on our ticket, but impliedly not our candidate for prime minister. An elder statesman's role. If we won, we would make him President of the State, an office that would suit him eminently."

The problem is, of course, that Begin has shown no signs of elevating himself to elder statesmanship. In a television interview some weeks ago he clearly indicated that he planned to lead his party into the elections for the ninth time "if my party wants me..."

The Liberals' insistence on retaining their separate identity within the Likud could be construed as a means of ongoing pressure on Begin — to moderate his policies. But it is not very credible or effective pressure. Barring major political upheavals inside the country, the Liberals seem destined to run in the next elections alongside Herut again, just as Begin seems destined to head the list again.

"But if the Likud falls again — that will be the last time we go together," our Liberal source warns. "The Liberals will certainly secede and strike out on their own."

BEGIN FIDDLES WHILE JERUSALEM YEARNs

would not have significantly increased it. The Likud has been known to fly back its MKs from even more distant parts merely for a vote. For Begin to have hopped over to lead his side in the no-confidence debate a fortnight ago would not have been an extravagance, judged even by the most frugal criteria.

In the event, the debate was a pretty damp squib. Begin's trusty lieutenant Haim Landau, in his sonorous nasal tones, hurled down fire and brimstone from the rostrum, but they bounced harmlessly off the Prime Minister. Rabin is certainly no parliamentary Diogenes, nor even a Harold Wilson. But if there is one man he has thoroughly worsted in Knesset repartee it is the dog and faithful Haim Landau, whom Rabin dubbed a "political Sancho Panza." Since that occasion, Rabin treats

Landau with easy contempt, with none of the respect — and even fear — which he so obviously feels for Begin.

Again last week, it was Landau who inveighed ineffectively against the Premier over the U.S.-Egyptian arms deal. Begin would have had Rabin squirming in his seat over American perfidy and Israeli gullibility. But Begin was still in New York.

Begin's rhetorical prowess, which so disconcerts the Prime Minister whenever it is directed at him, is not, however, what is required for the Likud to win an election, to actually wrest power from Labour. The incontrovertible proof of this is that Herut, Gahal, Likud, all under Begin, have contrived to lose eight elections since the State was es-

tablished, including the 1973 election following the Yom Kippur disaster.

Many people inside the Likud — some even inside Herut itself — realise that Begin, with his ineffectual rigidity and warmongering image, is more of an electoral handicap than a help. But when talk turns to the prospect of a change, there is only shoulder-shrugging and resigned sighing. "The basic problem," says one level-headed Herut politician, "is that there is no apparent alternative. People mention Arlik Sharon, or Ezer Weizmann — but they aren't here are they? They're hovering around outside."

Sharon, and probably Weizmann too, would insist on "Likud ha-Likud" (the coalescence of the Likud into a single bloc) as their pre-condition for making a play for the leadership. "But the Liberals don't want 'Likud

Only one major change emerged from the 25th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party that ended last week: the ouster of Agriculture Minister Dmitry Polyansky. In his challenge to the leadership Polyansky took an extreme anti-Jewish line. Mikhail Agursky tells the story.

Politburo axe falls on Polyansky

The "Veche" group, which was very active, embraced a variety of viewpoints, from national democrats to right-wing conservatives, and even including monarchists. The dominant trend, however, was a Slavophile type of religious nationalism.

Although Oisipov started "Veche" on his own, it soon attracted the interest of an influential group among the Soviet ruling bureaucracy, including Polyansky. He decided to exploit this movement in his struggle for power against Brezhnev. As its main weapon, the group adopted an extreme anti-Jewish line. In fact, however, this was only a cover for expressing an anti-Communist criticism that aimed to prove that "internationalism," even in its present diluted form, was harmful to the state interests of the USSR.

IT SHOULD NOT be thought that a different element in the Soviet leadership was pro-Jewish. But the Polyansky group used extreme anti-Jewishness as a specific political instrument. It had many supporters in the Establishment.

They dubbed Brezhnev and some of his associates "pro-Jewish" and sometimes even "Jews." In its list of "Jews" and the "Jewish lobby" were such names as Kapitonov, the influential secretary of the party's central committee; Tsukanov and Alexandrov, Brezhnev's advisers; and even Andropov, the powerful KGB chief.

Since no lawful method of expressing their views was open to them, the "Veche" group was forced to use a very subtle political forum for furthering its long-range interests. They calculated that its all-out anti-Jewishness would attract many supporters and eventually weaken the ruling group.

Of course, there was no direct contact between Polyansky and the Russian nationalists. Contact was maintained between them through several intermediaries. All of the "Veche" activists knew, however, that they had a lobby of sorts among the leadership, and the names of Shelepin and Polyansky were mentioned in this connection.

At first, "Veche's" policy seemed

to be succeeding. (It even accused Solzhenitsyn of lack of patriotism for having failed, in his book, "August 1914," to attribute the Russian defeat in World War I mainly to the Jews.)

But the movement soon got out of control. Oisipov began to reveal open sympathy for Andrei Sakharov and other dissidents, and tried to join them in some united action. Then, the religious inspiration of the majority of the "Veche" activists made the movement inappropriate for political intrigue. In addition, the Soviet secret police tried to exploit the movement in order to foment strife among political dissidents in general.

The "Veche" group exploded from within after a major quarrel, when Oisipov categorically refused to support the Arab terrorists or turn his magazine into a blatant anti-Israel and anti-Jewish platform. He publicly repudiated his previous anti-Jewish activities and made contact with Jewish activists. Shortly thereafter, however, he was arrested and given a prison sentence, this time for eight years.

Oisipov's sentence surprised many observers by its severity, in comparison with the treatment meted out to other, sometimes more active political dissidents in the USSR. Only a few of them understood that his harsh sentence heralded the political demise of Polyansky, whose rivals wished to make clear the dangerous consequences of his flirting with Russian nationalists. (As for Shelepin, his ouster came only four months after Oisipov's arrest.) Oisipov, then, was essentially a victim of political intrigue within the Politburo.

(It might be noted that the present author was interrogated by the KGB in January 1975 in connection with Oisipov's trial, since he had established friendly connections with him after the split in "Veche." He then made a statement that he considered the entire case a manifestation of the struggle within the party leadership, and this was included in the trial record.)

Polyansky was also made a scapegoat for the disaster of Soviet agriculture. In fact, his appointment to that position in the first place was decidedly engineered to compromise him.

It would be a great mistake to assume, however, that Polyansky's defeat signals the end of Soviet anti-Jewishness. On the contrary, Polyansky's appropriation of the anti-Jewish banner to himself prevented the Soviet political leadership from themselves exploiting anti-Jewishness to the full. Now that obstacle has been removed.

"THE OLD MEN will leave all together," it was predicted a year ago by some Russians in the know. The old generation of Politburo leaders, they were sure, would resign at the 25th Congress of the Communist Party, if not before then. But the prophets were mistaken. The congress has now ended, and the old men are all in their places: Brezhnev, Suslov, Kosygin, Podgorniy, Kirilenko, and Fel'dke.

The axe fell only on the head of a "young" man (by Soviet standards; he is 58). Agriculture Minister Dmitry Polyansky. His ouster from the Politburo signifies the end of his political career.

Together with Alexander Shelepin, who himself was ousted from the Politburo just a year ago, Polyansky was labelled a secret supporter of the Russian nationalist movement in the USSR. He was said to be trying to take advantage of the group that formed around "Veche" ("Public Forum"), a magazine circulated in manuscript form.

Its editor, Vladimir Oisipov, spent six years in a prison camp for political dissidents for having taken part in a small democratic opposition group (together with Edward Kuznetsov, who later joined the Jewish nationalist movement and was sentenced in the Leningrad trial). During his imprisonment, Oisipov was transformed into a Russian religious nationalist.

"Veche" claimed that its readers included members of the party's central committee, prelates of the Russian Orthodox Church, respected members of the cultural elite, and senior army officers.

READERS' LETTERS

ISRAEL'S MINORITIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Your report of the American Jewish Board of Governors meeting with Greek Catholic parishioners at Tullin (February 16) ends aptly and tactfully with a remark by one of the Board members who "was impressed that such forthright speech was possible."

Without either expressing an opinion on the complicated issue of Dirit and Birim or questioning the deep desire of the villagers to return to their homes, I am bound to state that their spokesmen on this occasion did little to further public sentiment for their cause. By making extreme statements, they belie the reality of the situation of minorities in Israel. While conceding that there is room for improvement and progress, I feel bound to ask the Rev. Shehadi Shehadi who states, "We are nothing, we own nothing, we are fifth class citizens," to name a minority in the Middle East under Arab rule that has the freedom of speech, vote, religion, etc. of Israel's minorities —

including the villagers from Dirit and Birim. The brutally massacred Kurds in Iraq or their brethren who are being forcibly arabized and deprived of their land in the Syrian oil-rich area of Jazira? Or perhaps the Copts in Egypt, who are the victims of subtle repressive measures about which their fellow Christians are silent?

If Arabs here are "fifth class citizens," then what were Jews in Arab countries, where they were robbed of all human rights, as are the remnants of the Syrian and Iraqi Jewish communities to this day?

I do not suggest that, God forbid, Jews should do unto others as has been done unto them. However, it is about time that the public take greater cognizance of the persecution of Jews in particular and of minorities in general under Arab rule, so that Arabs living under Jewish administration will be better able to put their own position in perspective.

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THE INHERITANCE ACT AMENDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On November 15, 1974, you published my article on the defect of section 12 of the Inheritance Act, which you entitled "A law suitable only for nomads."

I am glad to inform you that the Knesset passed the required amendment and abolished the right of heirs of a deceased person to receive one sixth of the estate to the

detriment of the children of the deceased, who are their lawful heirs.

The amendment came into force on February 12, 1976, and it is also retroactive in respect of all cases, where a person died before the said date, but no Order of Succession was made until that date.

DR. F. S. PERLES,
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Tel Aviv.

DOCTORS' SALARIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As a close relative of a young physician working at one of the King Haim hospitals, I would like to bring up the question of doctors' salaries. After almost three years of practicing medicine in a hospital, his salary amounts to about IL300. Night duty (once a week) and one Saturday a month adds about IL600. To those who do not know, I must explain that night duty means staying in the hospital from one morning to late the next afternoon.

With the young doctor's wife now unable to work and supplement the family budget, he can barely support his family (which includes two children) and this after seven years of study and three years of practice.

In the light of this situation, I have heard of many of his colleagues who, not wanting to be a burden to their parents and unable to make ends meet, intend to leave the country for better opportunities.

FRITZ SCHIFFER (19), of Van Ghestraat 23, Borne (2), Holland, would like to correspond with Israeli girls between the ages of 17 and 19. He is interested in music and books.

CANCEL AVINERI APPOINTMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Decent men, mindful of the sacrifices Israelis make each day, will be slow to criticize the policies of the Israeli Government. Such criticism, in addition to providing comfort to Israel's enemies, is an even greater danger to those who indulge in it, so easily does it pander to self-righteous, narcissistic instincts.

But the recent appointment of Professor Shlomo Avineri as Director-General of the Foreign Ministry constitutes grounds for casting aside normal restraints. Avineri's appointment will, of course, be applauded here by those who share his leftist world-view, and his belief that the "Palestinian" question is the key to the conflict in the Middle East. That is, it will be applauded by the very people who would not shed a tear if tomorrow Israel were reduced to sandy wastes.

The grave implications of this appointment are hinted at in the language of the UPI dispatch reporting it in the American press: "The choice aroused a storm of protest in right-wing circles... Avineri is the fit-

ting representative for the intellectuals who have made such language possible and plausible. Their doctrines and activities have accorded legitimacy and respectability to the charge of Israel's 'refusal to negotiate with Palestinians' or to 'give them statehood.'"

It requires no doctrinal pragmatist to know that solutions are prefigured by the terms in which problems are formulated. Once "Palestinians" and their "statehood" become the legitimate terms of discourse, the ensuing debate becomes one of resistance, "historical justice" for Israel, and pressure from others. Once the "new left" has achieved this end, no amount of syncretistic rhetoric designed to show that — to cite one of Avineri's "defences" of Israel — Israel's society and army are really rather like Ho Chi Minh's will keep the tiger from its prey.

The Avineri appointment should be cancelled.

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New upheaval in Lebanon

HA'ARETZ (Independent), discusses the Lebanese upheavals: "Last night's takeover in Lebanon by the commander of the Beirut district, Aziz al-Abdab, constitutes a new phase. It is difficult to forecast to what extent he will succeed in putting an end, if only for a limited period, to the fighting between the various groups in the army and in the civilian political set-up. His success depends on the extent of the support he gains, if at all, from the Lebanese Army's field commanders and the country's political leaders... Although the Syrians have no interest in the collapse of the ceasefire agreement, the possibility cannot be ruled out that the defection indirectly serves the aims. The defection have in fact provided an excuse for units of the 'Palestine Liberation Army' to infiltrate bases near the Israel border, under the pretext of defending them from rebel attacks... The fact that during the civil war the army sat idly by, and to no little extent through the fault of

Rashid Karame himself, added to the chaotic atmosphere and the influence of the terrorists and the left. Only drastic and unequivocal action by the military command is likely to put paid to this manifestation. But that is not enough. The primary requirement in Lebanon is imposition of law and order. Not only in the army but also in the civilian sector." DAVAR (Histadrut), discusses the Kadum settlers controversy: "The great majority of the public wants neither a verbal nor a physical confrontation over the issue. However, the majority of the public cannot accept a situation in which a small group has forced on the Government facts standing in contradiction to its policy and authorized decisions. For this reason, the most appropriate solution would appear to be that being crystallized in advance discussion, by which the Cabinet would decide on a map of new settlements — and this according to security and settlement needs, and in accordance with political conditions."

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